IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND CONDEMNING DIVISIVE CURRICULUM IN IDAHO SCHOOLS AND ENCOURAGING IDAHO SCHOOLS TO TEACH A FULL AND ACCURATE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES ALONG WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, divisive content is appearing in school curriculum across the nation; and

WHEREAS, this divisive content seeks to disregard the history of the United States and the nation's journey to becoming a pillar of freedom in the world; and

WHEREAS, theories taught under "critical race theory" and writings in "The 1619 Project" attempt to re-educate children into the belief that they are to be ashamed of or limited by their race and ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, the 1776 Commission was created to help the children understand the full history and the founding principles that established the United States and what its people must continue to strive for: all were created equal; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence asserted that individual rights are rights inherent in everyone and that they must be secured; and

WHEREAS, the principles and history of the United States can be learned through the rich historical documentation available to everyone; and

WHEREAS, the faults of this great nation have been addressed throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, unity in the nation can be strengthened through the rising generation and the generations to come when they are given the knowledge of the United States' founding principles, societal duties, and personal responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we encourage the schools of Idaho to provide children with the knowledge, strength, and virtue of a free people by viewing the history both clearly and wholly, not only the offenses but also the triumphs. It is imperative that children are taught about mistakes as well as unprecedented accomplishments toward freedom and fairness for all.